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[REDACTED] Historical Staff

History of OSI for Historical Report

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[REDACTED] kindly left with me for examination on 28 March three papers regarding OSI as follows:

- a. Memo comparing British and U.S. systems - 2 pages
  - b. Scientific Intelligence - History - 20 pages
  - c. Annex III "Impact of Present Organization of Intelligence on Specific Priority Fields of Scientific Intelligence" - 12 pages
- All are copies.

The latter two were, I think, the draft of a progress report to be made to DCI as of 31 December 1951. All three papers are returned herewith.

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On 16 January I handed [REDACTED] a memo requesting certain information regarding the establishment and development of OSI. Due to pressure from other angles, he has been able to give the request but little attention. It is important, however, to the Historical Section to obtain an account of OSI - their accomplishments, frustrations, and aspirations - within the next 30 days, so that this chapter may be coordinated with those of the other principal Offices of CIA. It would appear that no small part of the story is incorporated in the papers submitted, but it needs rewriting and the addition of some statistics and charts. It would also be appreciated if official instructions which have guided the conduct of OSI or comments by other agencies regarding it could be referred to more specifically.

An original and one copy (triple space) are respectfully requested.

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Enclosures